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40 to 50°C and 650 mbar in each case.

9. Device for the execution of the process in accordance with Claim 4, characterized by the fact that the fastening parts are subjected to a fluorine-nitrogen gas atmosphere in a low-pressure chamber.

10. Device in accordance with Claim 9, characterized by the fact that it has a connection (16) for an evacuation pump as well as an entry (18) and an outlet (20) for the fastening part untreated or treated with fluorine.--

REMARKS

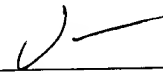
Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment courteously are solicited prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to remove all multiple dependent claims to avoid the surcharge and to avoid an objection for having one multiple dependent claim dependent on another. The new claims present the multiple dependents as individual dependent claims.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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